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IN SITU THERMAL

PROCESSING OF A COAL

FORMATION USING PRESSURE AND/OR

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Amendment

Sir:

GROUP 3600

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 123, please delete the paragraph beginning on line 25, and substitute therefor:



The determined values for the parameter A, and the parameter B, may be used to determine an average pressure in the selected section of the formation using an assessed average temperature, T, in the selected section. The assessed average temperature may be determined as described herein. For example, an average pressure of the selected section may be determined by the relationship: p = exp[(A/T) + B], in which p is measured in psia, and T is measured in